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In re Application of
Benfield et al.
Application No. 09/895,084
Filed: June 29, 2001
Attorney Docket No. AUS920010375US1

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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 26, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, September 24, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 28, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed November 17, 2005.

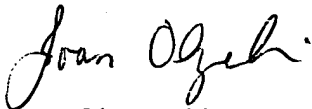
The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an Amendment, (2) the petition fee of \$1,500.00, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Further, it is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the **entire** delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was unintentional, petitioner must make such an inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Additionally, the address given on the petition differs from the new address of record. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7751.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2157 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joan Olszewski".

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